



Honorable Victor J. Antese
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Antese:

Thank you for your letter of 26 February 1959 requesting our views on H. R. 4986. To provide for the establishment, under the National Science Foundation, of a National Science Academy.

Programs which would encourage study in scientific fields by offering incentives to young men and women and by providing better facilities and equipment for scientific study are objectives which I feel are desirable. However, specific recommendations as to how these objectives can best be attained and as to the role of the Federal Government in these matters would be outside the jurisdiction of our organization.

I point out in passing, recalling your discussions with us regarding Soviet scientific advances, that the Soviet Academy of Sciences is considerably different from that proposed in H. R. 4986. The USSR Academy is concerned with scientific training in the more advanced areas, that is at the graduate, research level rather than in the undergraduate areas.

If we may be of further assistance concerning Soviet programs of this type, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM FOR: **THE DIRECTOR**

The original version of this letter which you signed was submitted to the Bureau of the Budget for clearance. They have suggested revisions in paragraph 2 of the letter which we have made. I recommend that you sign the attached revised letter.

s/ Lawrence R. Houston
LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel

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<p>Per our telephone conversation, again recommend that we take no definite position. This bill does not appear to have foreign intelligence connotations. Can point out, if you desire, that proposed "National Science Academy" has no direct relationship with Academy of Sciences, USSR. Latter is primarily engaged in high-level research, and its only training function is concerned with thesis-type research for advanced degrees.</p>					
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Remarks: <p>Per our conversation, Mr. Warner would appreciate your comments on Anfuso's current bill as soon as possible. I have attached a copy of H.R. 9610, the bill Anfuso introduced last year, so that you might refer to it for comparative purposes.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; width: 300px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Assistant to the Legislative Counsel</p>			
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